

Shri Jangde: Has the Government calculated as to what would be the excess sum over and above the sum spent on mill cloth, if the government proposes to meet all its requirements by purchasing khadi only?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There is no ground for the presumptions behind that question.

Seth Govind Das: May I know the difficulty which the Government feel in purchasing khadi instead of mill cloth?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have not suggested, Sir, that there is any difficulty. Actually my hon. colleague who is really in charge of purchases has made a special effort in this direction by asking his purchasing officers to give special preference even in the matter of price to articles made in this country, hand-loom and khadi also being amongst them.

श्री जांगड़े : मैं प्रार्थना करूंगा कि प्रश्न २२०१ का भी प्रश्न २२०० के साथ उत्तर दे दिया जाय ।

हीराकुड जल-विद्युत शक्ति संयंत्र

*२२००. **श्री जांगड़े :** (क) क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री हीराकुड परियोजना के एक अंश जल-व्युत् शक्ति संयंत्र के निर्माण को, जिसे कि प्रारम्भ में प्राथमिकता दी गई थी और जिस पर डेढ़ करोड़ रुपये व्यय भी कर दिये गये थे, स्थगित करने के कारण बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

(ख) सिंचाई संयंत्र के निर्माण को आरम्भ में ही प्राथमिकता न देने के क्या कारण थे ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) and (b). The hon. Member is presumably referring to the suspension of work on Power House No. 2 and works connected therewith viz., the Subsidiary Dam and the Power Channel. If so, I would refer him to the reply given to Starred Question No. 612 by Dr. Natabar Pandey on the 9th June 1952. A copy of the press note, that was issued in January last, explaining the full circumstances under which priorities for the project were revised is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 42]

हीराकुड बांध का निर्माण-व्यय

*२२०१. **श्री जांगड़े :** क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि हीराकुड बांध परियोजना का अनुमानित निर्माण-व्यय जो कि १९४६ में ४७ करोड़ रुपये आंका गया था १९५२ में ८९ करोड़ रुपये तक क्यों बढ़ गया है ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): The rise in the cost of the Hirakud Dam Project is due to the following reasons:

- (i) increased scope of the Project i.e. increased annual irrigation from 10.85 lakhs acres to 19.25 lakhs acres;
- (ii) increase in the area of land acquired in the reservoir area and increase in the cost of compensation for houses, tanks, wells etc. which will get submerged;
- (iii) increased cost of machinery imported from abroad as a result of the devaluation of the rupee and the general rise in prices;
- (iv) increase in the length and cost of transmission lines;
- (v) Rise in wages of labour at Hirakud.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या यह सच नहीं है कि जब हीराकुड योजना तैयार की गई उस समय चीजों की कीमत मजदूरी आदि का इन्डेक्स नम्बर (index number) ३०१ था और उस समय हीराकुड का कुल अनुमान ४७ करोड़ लगाया गया था, परन्तु अब जब कि इन्डेक्स नम्बर ३९३ से ४७५ तक अधिकतम बढ़ा है तो क्या कारण है कि अनुमान ४७ करोड़ से बढ़ कर ८९ करोड़ हो गया है जब कि भाखरा, नांगल और दामोदर वैली कारपोरेशन का खर्च इतना नहीं बढ़ा है ?

Shri Nanda: I am prepared to give the details of the increase, which has occurred due to the various reasons given in the reply to the main question.

The cost of acquisition of land, houses etc. was originally estimated to be Rs. 5 crores nearly; the revised estimate now stands at Rs. 11.5 crores, resulting in an increase of about Rs. 6.5 crores.

The increase in labour costs is about Rs. 5 crores.

The increase in the cost of machinery due to devaluation is about Rs. 2.5 crores.

The increased scope of the project—this is an element which deserves to be considered, and as was stated in the main reply, the acreage under irrigation has been very much extended—accounts for about Rs. 12 crores.

The increase in the cost of transmission lines is Rs. 9.6 crores.

There are some other small increases also, so that the total increase is Rs. 44.3 crores.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि हीराकुंड योजना का ८९ करोड़ का जो अनुमान लगाया गया है उस में डेल्टा की सिंचाई के साधनों का ही खर्च है या डेल्टा का भी खर्च उस में शामिल है ?

श्री नन्दा : हाँ जी शामिल है ।

श्री आर० एन० मिहः क्या इस तरह से किसी स्कीम में परिवर्तन कर देने से रुपये का दुरुपयोग नहीं होता है ?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is entering into an argument. If the hon. Minister wants to give an explanation, I have no objection.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know when the reports of the two committees that went into the examination of the Hirakud project will be placed on the Table of the House?

Shri Nanda: I am not quite aware whether the last two reports have not been placed before the House.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या यह सच है कि डेवलपमेंट बोर्ड और हीराकुंड कंट्रोल बोर्ड का गठन किया गया है, और यदि हाँ, तो इस में गैर सरकारी आदमी कितने हैं ?

Shri Nanda: Recently, a Control Board has been constituted, and it has started functioning. I do not think there are any non-officials in that.

Shri Syammandan Sahaya: Has any attempt been made by the Government to consider comparatively the increase in the estimates of the project due to the increase in the labour costs and machinery,—other than that due to the acquisition of land—with the increase in the case of the other irrigation projects, such as the Damodar Valley Project etc. which have just been mentioned?

Shri Nanda: That scrutiny is in progress.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या यह सच है कि इन इंजीनियर को फिर से भार दिया गया है कि वह इस हीराकुंड योजना के प्रथम भाग में कुल कितना खर्च लगेगा उसका फिर से अनुमान लगावें ?

Shri Nanda: Sir, recently the figures have been revised.

REHABILITATION IN BANARAS AND JAUNPUR

***2201-A Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state the contribution that the Government of India have made for the construction of colonies, shelters and quarters for displaced persons in Banaras and Jaunpur separately?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): No loans have been advanced by the Government of India for the construction of shelters and quarters etc. for displaced persons in Banaras and Jaunpur. Allotments are made to the State Governments for their housing schemes. From the information received from the Government of U.P., an expenditure of Rs. 2,85,000 has been incurred for the construction of 100 shops-cum-residences in the District of Banaras. No expenditure has been incurred in the District of Jaunpur.

‘AWAZ’

***2202. Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about one third of the copies of *Awaz*, the Urdu Edition of “the Indian Listener,” are bought by the people of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what programme the A.I.R. presents to them to improve the Indo-Pakistan relations?